

## FAQ Birthday

### **Can we have more/fewer than the 16 children?**

The birthday rate is a flat rate “up to 16 children”. More children are welcome at an additional [charge](#).

### **How many children can attend a party?**

The parties are held in our classrooms which can comfortably accommodate 25 birthday celebrants and their adult chaperones (up to 50 people). Party adults are expected to supervise children at all times. CMOST requires at least 1 adult chaperone for every 8 children attending.

### **What about infants/parents?**

Children less than two years old should not be counted toward the 16. Toddlers we leave to your discretion. If the children will be participating in the program and sitting at the table, then you should count them toward the 16.

We do not charge for adults at the birthday parties. Party adults are expected to supervise children at all times. CMOST requires at least 1 adult chaperone for every 8 children attending.

### **Is cake included?**

No, but you are welcome to bring your own cake/cupcakes. We supply cake plates and napkins. We have a freezer for ice cream if needed.

### **Is food included?**

Food is not included in the party package. You are welcome to order pizza and juice pouches through CMOST at an [additional charge](#) (includes plates/napkins). Or, you may bring your own food (see below).

### **Can I bring my own food?**

Yes, but please try and refrain from peanut/nut items. We do not permit plug-in appliances.

### **Will the educator be present the entire time?**

The educator will greet you at the beginning of your party and be present for the ½ hour science program. They will deliver the pizza when it arrives (if applicable) then turn the party over to you to serve the food and explore the museum. He or she will check in regularly to ensure the party is running smoothly.

### **May we decorate the room?**

We provide table coverings and the cake plates/napkins. If you are bringing your own food you will need to supply your own paper products. If you are ordering pizza through us, we provide the paper products. Some people choose to bring their own table coverings (i.e. themed) which is fine.

Decorations may not be adhered to walls, windows or ceiling. Some people tie balloons to the chairs; just please ensure they remain in the party room – they can set off the alarm.

### **What are the “gifts” for the guests?**

The birthday guests will receive a free pass to visit again in the future and a small gift which varies based on availability.

**How long can we stay in the party room?**

You will have the party room for 2 hours (plus 30 minutes to set up). We do ask that after that time you leave the room with your belongings so we can get the room ready for the next program. You are welcome to remain in the museum until we close at 4:00 pm.

**What if there is inclement weather or a family emergency?**

In the event of inclement weather or an unforeseen emergency, every effort will be made to reschedule at a mutually agreeable date. The museum does not give refunds.

**I have two birthday children. Do I need to pay extra?**

The party fee is a flat rate for up to 16 children, including the birthday child/children. We do have a nominal upcharge for the additional "birthday gift" we give to the second birthday child.

**Can we bring outside entertainment?**

We cannot permit outside entertainers, such as clowns, dj's, professional photographers, cartoon characters, magicians, and the like.

**Statement of Mission**

*It is CMOST's mission to instill a sense of wonder and discovery in young minds,  
inspiring a lifelong exploration of science and technology.*

We are happy to work with you to make your child's birthday party an exciting day filled with learning, fun and exploration. Please contact the museum if you have any special requests or questions. We look forward to making your child's birthday as special as possible.